Rules Formulation

3790.SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a)   the reasons for delay in formulating the rules and instructions regarding promotion in services or different categories in the States and Central services;

(b)   whether the Government propose to rectify the delay; and

(c)   the details of guidelines issued to the Central Ministries and the State Governments regarding reservation in promotion ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) In case of promotion to services under the jurisdiction of States, orders of respective State Governments are applicable. In case of Central services, formulation of rules and instructions regarding promotion in services is done by respective cadre controlling authorities. Information in this regard is not centrally maintained.

(c)   For reservation in services of States, orders of respective State Governments are applicable. The details of guidelines issued to all Central Ministries/Departments are as under:-

I)   Reservation in promotion is provided to SCs and STs @ 15% & 7.5% respectively;

ii)   Reservation is provided to all Groups where method of promotion is seniority-cum-fitness;

iii)   Reservation is provided upto lowest rung of Group 'A' where promotion is by the method of selection.

iv)   while no reservation is provided within Group 'A' where method of promotion is by selection, SC/ST candidates who are senior enough to come within the number of vacancies for which the select panel is prepared are promoted in posts carrying ultimate Salary of Rs. 5700/- provided they are not adjudged unfit for promotion.

Nine Nuclear Reactors

3791.SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a)   whether India's nine power reactors are the least reliable as monitored by the International Atomic Energy Authority;

(b)   if so, details thereof;

(c)   whether the budget for atomic energy the fallen by 708 since 1988;

(d)   if so, the reasons thereof; and

(e)   whether the reliability of these reactors is checked with the fall in budget allocation for atomic energy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. IAFA does not monitor the operation of nuclear power reactors and rank them on the basis of safety and reliability. The nuclear power reactors in the country have generated 7982 million units (MU) of electricity in the year 1995-96 achieving an overall annual capacity factor of 60%. In the year 1996-97, upto the end of February 1997, generation was 8166 MUs with a capacity factor of 66%. This is expected to exceed 9000 MUs for the year as whole with an annual capacity factor of 66%

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The budget of the Department of Atomic Energy was Rs. 1110.09 crores in 1987-88. This has increased to Rs. 2098.60 crores in 1996-97.

(e)   The budgetary allocation is done consistent with overall requirements and availability of resources with the Government and has not in any way adversely affected reliability of nuclear power plants.

Fund for EAS to Orissa

3792.SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)   the details of the districts covered under the centrally sponsored Employees Assurance Scheme (EAS) in Orissa, so far;

(b)   the funds allocated to the State for implementing EAS during last three years; and

(c)   the time by which the entire State is proposed to be covered under EAS ?

THE MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNAIDU) : (a) All the 30 districts of Orissa have been covered under Employment Assurance Scheme.

(b)   The Central funds released under EAS to the state during last three years is as follows :

1994-95	Rs.	7884.00 lakhs
1995-96	Rs.	11460.00 lakhs
1996-97	Rs.	14215.50 lakhs. (Till date)

(c)   All the remaining rural blocks of the State will be covered under EAS during 1997-98.

Network Computers

3793.SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a)   whether Net-Work Computers (NC) or 'Oracle' entered the computer-market in India;

(b)   if so, the reaction of the Government in regard to this technology in comparison with the personal computers, windows, micro-soft, etc.;

(c)   whether any comparative study has been made in regard to these two systems.

(d)   if so, the results thereof;

(e)   whether India's share in the total software market of the world is only 0.4 percent; and

(f)   if so, the steps being taken to develop world-class skills in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b)   Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The technology of Network computers and their impact on various application are still emerging. These developments are being watched carefully in India. In the future, the use of Personal Computers vis-a-vis Network Computers in India will depend on the pace of such technology and applications development as well as the infrastructure, and market forces.

(e)   The indicative figure for India's share in the total software market of the world is about 0.4%. India's share in customised out sourced software Services market is about 11.9%.

(f)   Several measures/initiatives have been taken for development of skills to increase the Indian Software Export. These include :-

   i)   Special Manpower development programmes for development of Software skills by both Public and Private Institutions with emphasis on improving both quality and quantity of software professionals.

   ii)   Department of Electronics – Accredited Computer Courses (DOE-ACC) Programme to encourage Private Institutions Enterprise to train man power in the area of Computers and Software.

iii)   Promoting Software Engineering and System Engineering technologies for development of high quality software and human resources.

iv)   Providing access to Academic and R&D Institutions through Education & Research Network (ERNET) for exchange of Information and keeping up-to-date on technology developments worldwide.

v)   Providing high speed data communication facility and skilled services to software exporting industries through Software Technology Park (STP) Scheme.

[Translation]

Power Generation In M.P.

3794. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a)   the total number of power stations/sub-stations in Madhya Pradesh;

(b)   the extent of increase registered in the generation capacity of power by each power stations during the last three years, year-wise;

(c)   whether the Government propose to increase the generation capacity of these power stations; and

(d)   if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) There are 5 thermal power stations and 5 hydel power stations located in Madhya Pradesh. In addition to these, one hydel power station (Pench) located in Maharashtra State is being operated by Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board (MPEB). There are 1470 High Tension sub-stations and 1.60.356 distribution transformers sub-stations in Madhya Pradesh.

(b)   The details of the extent of increase registered in the power generation capacity of power stations of MPEB during the last three years is given below :

| Year | Installed Capacity as on 31st March (in MW) | | Capacity increase during the year |
	Thermal (MP Share)	Hydel	
1	2	3	4
1993-94	2967.6	765	a) 210 MW increase on account of commissioning of 1x210 MW Unit at S.G.T.P.S. on 27.3.1994.
			b) 40 MW increase on account of commissioning of 1x40 MW Hydel Unit at Hasdeo-Bango on dated 21st March, 1994.